

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS

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State Appointed Attorneys
Privately Retained Attorneys
For Life Parole Consideration Hearings

Re: Save the Date -- Americans with Disability (ADA) Mandated Annual Training for State Appointed Attorneys

Dear Attorney:

In accordance with an *Armstrong v. Brown* (N.D. Cal. Case No. 94-2307 CW)) court order, the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) must provide Americans with Disability Act (ADA) training to all BPH's state-appointed attorneys to ensure the attorneys are appropriately trained in the ADA and effective communication with inmates.

As a condition of future state attorney appointment, all state-appointed attorneys are required to attend one of these training courses. As a state-appointed attorney, you are required to review the Disability and Effective Communication System (DECS) for information regarding the types of disabilities your client may have, and to provide any necessary accommodations when you communicate with your client. It is important to emphasize that attorneys have an important role acting as the reasonable accommodation for many inmates with disabilities.

The training is planned for Wednesday, October 16, in Northern California (Sacramento area) and Friday, October 18, in Southern California (Diamond Bar, California). We anticipate the training will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Privately-retained attorneys are also welcomed to attend the training sessions.

Please "save this date" on your calendar. This training has been significantly modified from years past, and shall provide new information critical to your future work as a state-appointed attorney. At this time, there is no plan for a subsequent training session nor for any recordings to be made of the training. Therefore, your personal attendance on one of these days will be a condition of your future state-attorney appointment with the BPH.

A formal training agenda and invitation will be announced in September. We look forward to your participation at the training.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Vance".

R. Christopher Vance
Adult Hearing Operations